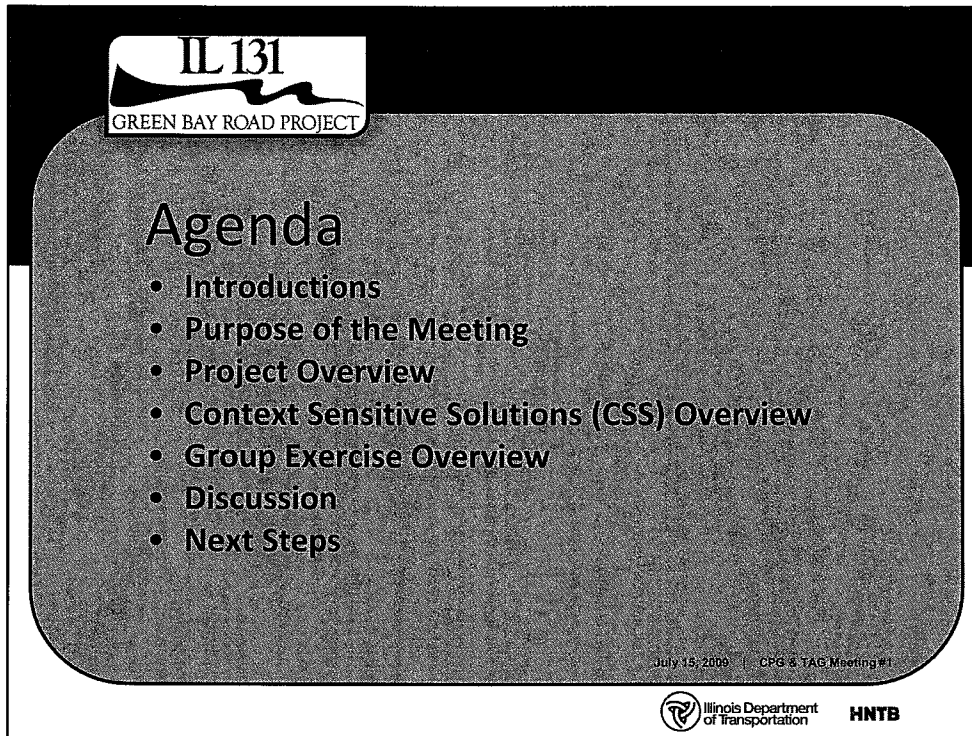




Welcome to the combined Corridor Planning Group and Technical Advisory Group working meeting for Illinois Route 131 / Green Bay Road.

We understand all of you have busy schedules and appreciate your involvement in today's workshop.



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Project Overview
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Overview
- Group Exercise Overview
- Discussion
- Next Steps

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This morning we will start off the meeting with Introductions, then define the purpose of the meeting, provide you with a project overview, explain what Context Sensitive Solutions is and then we will roll up our sleeves and identify the issues and needs of the corridor.


*CPG and TAG groups together for this meeting. May not be together in the future


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Meeting Purpose

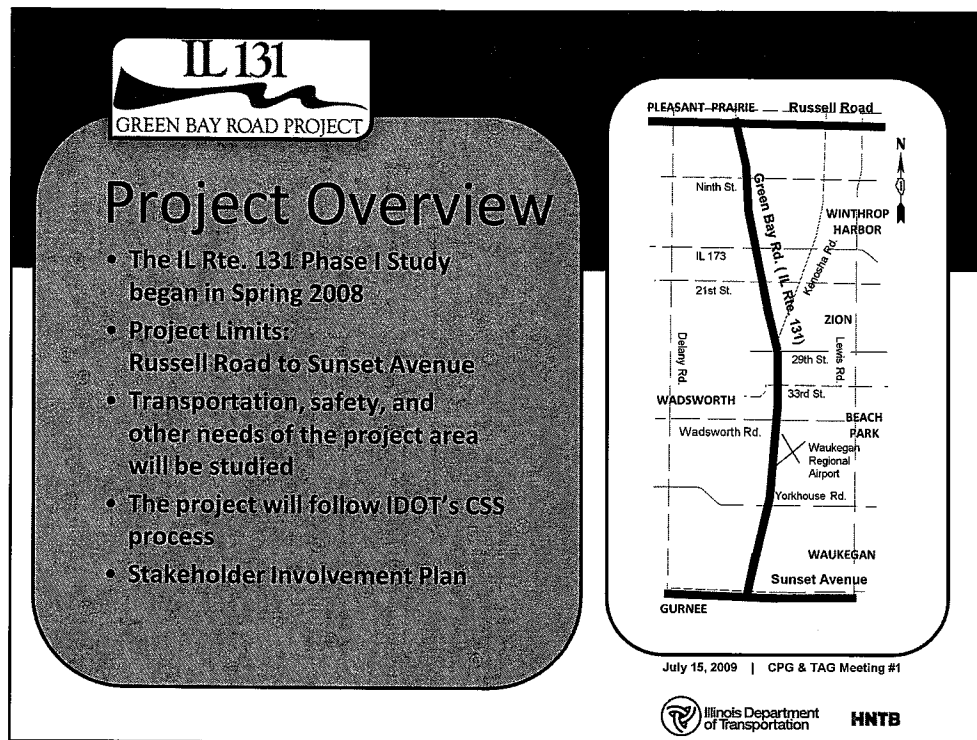
- Project Overview and Schedule
- Explain the CSS Process and Define Consensus
- Discuss Ground Rules
- Identify Issues
- Determine Project Goals and Objectives
- Discuss Project Problem Statement
- Next Steps

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The purpose of today's meeting is to provide a project overview and schedule, explain the CSS process, define consensus, discuss ground rules, identify issues in the study area, determine project goals and objectives, as a combined team we will draft a project problem statement, discuss the purpose and need and explain next steps.



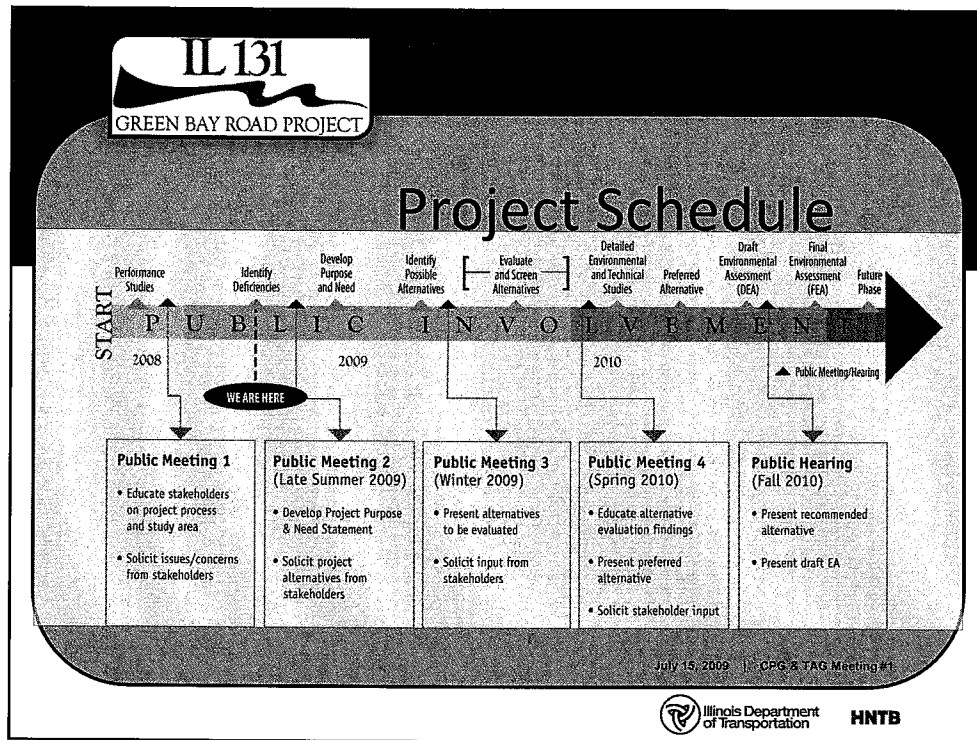
IDOT initiated the preliminary engineering and environmental study in early fall 2008.

The study area is located in Lake County extending approximately 7.5 miles from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue. The corridor is developed with a mix of residential, commercial, and agricultural uses, forest preserve, golf courses and the Waukegan Regional Airport.

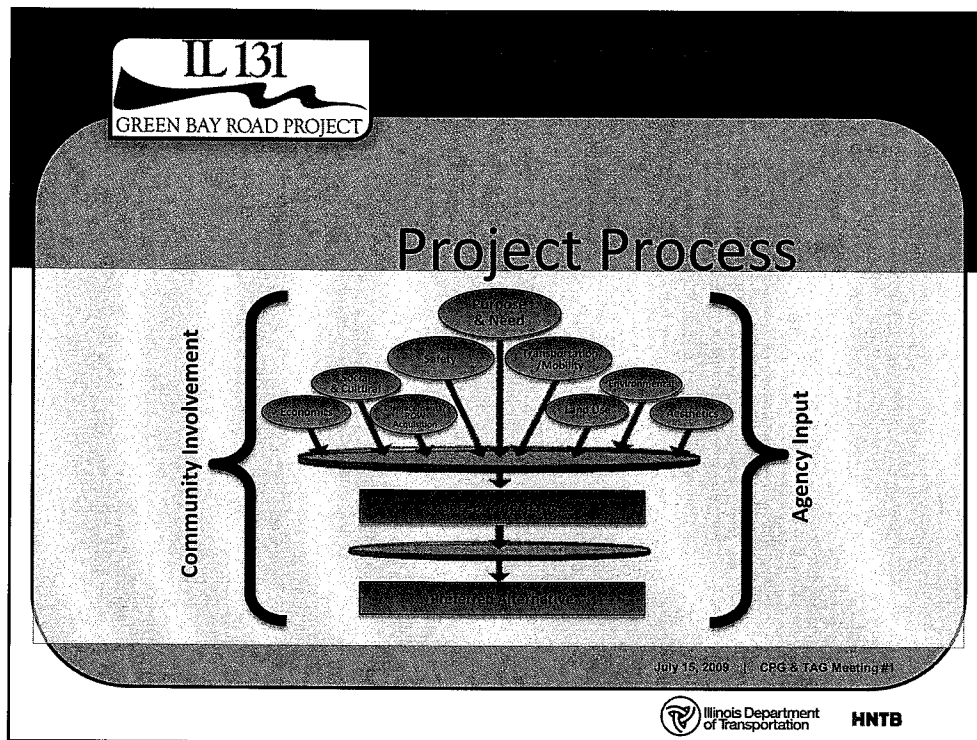
The study area includes seven communities: Winthrop Harbor, Zion, Wadsworth, Beach Park, Waukegan, Gurnee and Pleasant Prairie, which are experiencing rapid growth with much of the agricultural area zoned for residential or commercial development.

The study is designated a CSS project using the principles of IDOT's CSS Policy. CSS is about "open, honest, early and continuous" communication and sharing of information and knowledge – not just professional knowledge, but the knowledge that communities and stakeholders bring to a project from their personal experience. CSS involves structuring a planning, design, and implementation process that is collaborative and creates consensus among stakeholders and the transportation agency. Public involvement is strongly encouraged throughout the Phase I study and will continue to proactively seek stakeholder involvement and IDOT partnerships early and often in the development of a consensus solution.

A stakeholder involvement plan (SIP) has been created and will be utilized as a guide for encouraging stakeholder involvement for the IL 131 Green Bay Road Project. The SIP will be used as a blueprint for defining methods and tools to educate and engage stakeholders and is also the framework for achieving consensus and communicating the decision-making process between the public, local agencies and government officials to identify transportation solutions.



Discuss anticipated dates (timeframes for CPG Meetings)



*To begin the development of the Purpose and Need you need to Identify current deficiencies, project future deficiencies and use this information to develop a clear **problem statement** which will guide the development of solutions.

*Explain how through PI we will gain knowledge about the deficiencies/issues of the communities. Those deficiencies and the goals and objectives will drive the creation of the P&N.

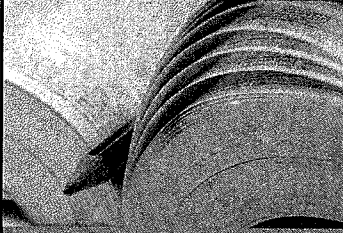
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Consensus

- Goal is to achieve consensus
- Consensus is defined as:



*“When a majority of the stakeholders agree on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the **process** as a whole was fair.”*

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Consensus

Final project decisions will be made by IDOT and FHWA.

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Public Involvement

ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS

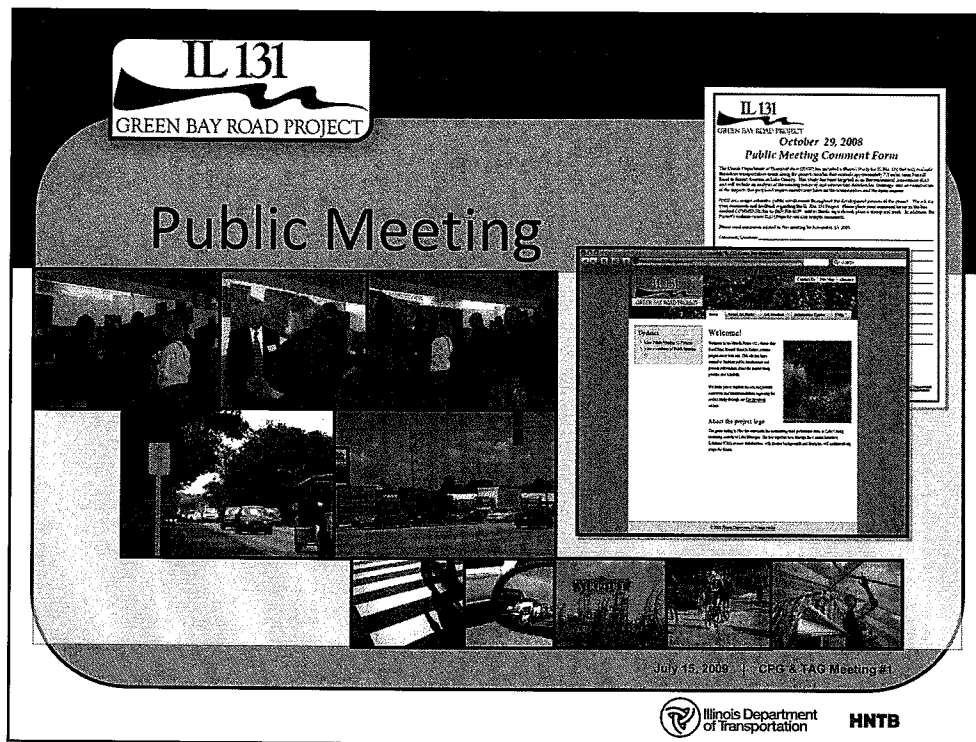
Introductory meetings have been held:

- **Municipalities:** Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Wadsworth, Beach Park, Waukegan, Gurnee, Pleasant Prairie
- **County Agencies:** Lake County Planning, Building & Development; Lake County Division of Transportation; Kenosha County
- **Waukegan Port District (with Beach Park)**
- **Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

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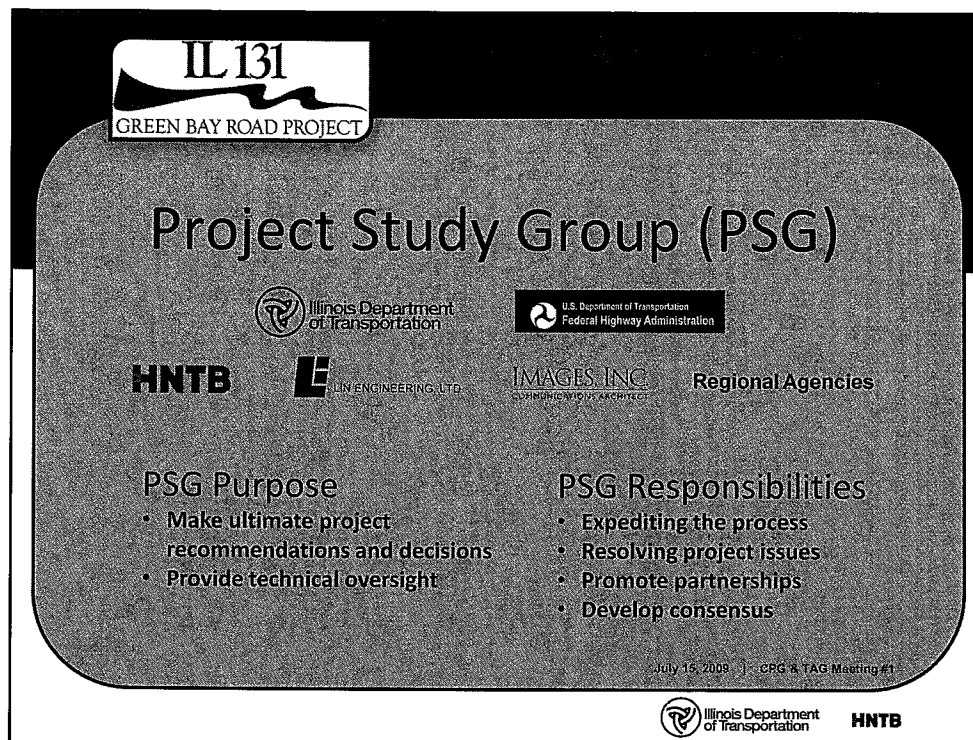
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Initial one-on-one meetings were held to introduce the project and to engage stakeholders, share information and foster discussion by addressing specific issues, allowing for more specialized discussions and input and aiding the stakeholders to have a better understanding of the project goals and objectives.



- The first meeting was held October 29, 2008 at Beach Park Middle School
- Over 100 stakeholders were in attendance
- Presentation included slide show, numerous exhibits, and aerials of the project area
- Stakeholders placed comments on aerial exhibits and provided comments via the comment sheets
- Overarching themes were traffic congestion, traffic safety, planned developments, Kenosha Road intersection realignment and when the design and construction was going to occur.

*Introduce Carrie to explain CPG and TAG, and workshop.



Side note to the team

Display large board with the entire Project

Working Group org chart for reference.

INTRODUCTIONS:

IDOT has formed a Project Study Group (PSG), an interdisciplinary team, for developing the IL Rte 131 project.

PSG - Membership consists of a multidisciplinary team of representatives from IDOT (Introduce yourselves), FHWA, (Introduce if in attendance) Regional Agencies (Introduce if in attendance) the project consultant (HNTB) and representing public involvement (Images, Inc).

PSG - Purpose

IDOT and FHWA will have the authority to make the final recommendations and decisions for this project.

This group will meet throughout the study process to provide technical oversight and expertise in key areas including study process, agency procedures and standards, and technical approaches.


PSG - Responsibilities

Expediting the project development process.

Identifying and resolving project development issues.

Promoting partnership with stakeholders to address identified project needs.

Working to develop consensus among stakeholders.



Public Involvement

Corridor Planning Group (CPG) Established



COUNTY MEMBERS	COMMUNITY MEMBERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake County, IL • Kenosha County, WI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gurnee • Wadsworth • Zion • Waukegan • Winthrop Harbor • Pleasant Prairie, WI • Beach Park

CPG Purpose

- Provide input on Purpose and Need Statement
- Provide input on Alternatives to be carried forward

CPG Responsibilities

- Commit to attend CPG meetings
- Collaborate with TAG members
- Provide input and consensus

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Corridor Planning Group (CPG)

To assist in the development of the environmental and engineering studies for the IL Route 131 Study, IDOT has established a Corridor Planning Group (CPG).

CPG - Membership


•The CPG group consists of community leaders (Mayor or Manager from each of the seven communities in the study area as well as representatives from Lake and Kenosha Counties, that are directly affected by the study, or eventually living with the results of the project.

- Have authority to negotiate on their communities behalf.

CPG – Responsibilities

- All CPG members will be empowered to make decisions for their organizations with the ability to move the project along.
- The CPG will represent the views of the communities and counties within the project area.
- The purpose and responsibilities of this group include providing input and consensus at key project milestones (e.g., project purpose and need, range of alternatives to be advanced for detailed study, and the recommended alternative).
- Assist in the development of consensus solution.
- Committed to attend all CPG meetings and public meetings.

The CPG will meet independently as well as jointly with project Technical Advisory Groups during the course of the project. The meeting program will be designed to encourage timely and meaningful opportunities for input, and to encourage information sharing and collaboration between the CPG, technical advisory group, and the PSG.



Public Involvement

Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) Formed

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP STRUCTURE

- Environmental
- Land Use
- Transportation

TAG Responsibilities

Environmental: provide input on project environmental issues



Land Use: provide framework for development of corridor land use and development plans

Transportation: provide input on project transportation issues

TAG Purpose

- Provide technical input on the development of the project
- Diverse perspectives
- Provide external information and input

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TAG - Membership

- The TAG will comprise of stakeholders with expertise or particular interest in these areas.
- Members must have a broad perspective, technical knowledge and problem solving abilities.
- Members may include CPG members or designated staff, and other governmental bodies, transportation agency, or interest group. The TAG members will be identified by the PSG, with input from the CPG.

TAG – Structure

Three TAG categories (Environmental, Land Use, and Transportation).

TAG – Purpose and Responsibilities

TAG will focus on technical aspects of the project development process.


Provide external subject-matter information and input with respect to environmental, land use, and transportation.

Environmental TAG: provide input on project environmental issues, including agricultural preservation, open space preservation, storm water discharge, water quality, wetlands, displacements, construction impacts, secondary impacts.

Land Use TAG: provide framework for development of corridor land use and development plans.

Transportation TAG: provide input on project transportation issues, including horizontal and vertical alignment, cross-roads, interchange design, right-of-way width, utilities, emergency vehicle access, non-motorized trails, maintenance of traffic, and design standards.



- The TAG will meet throughout the project development process.
- The TAG input will be considered and will be shared with the CPG.
- The TAG may be asked to address the CPG to help communicate technical subject-matter issues.



Membership Expectations



- One member of PSG to act as moderator
- Commit to meetings
- Respect all opinions
- Candidly communicate local issues
- Contribute to identifying a consensus solution

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CPG and TAG Member Expectations— Refer them to the Rules of Engagement copy in their binder

The CPG group consists of community leaders (Mayor or Manager from each of the seven communities in the study area as well as representatives from Lake and Kenosha Counties that are directly affected by the study, and have authority to enter into intergovernmental agreements. The expectation is that all members will:

- One member of the PSG will act as moderator for the CPG meetings.(THAT’S ME! ☺, ☺)
- Commit to attending public meetings and preparing appropriately for all CPG meetings.
- All CPG members are peers in this group and should respect all opinions.
- Candidly communicate local issues related to the study.
- Embargo information until the public meetings are held.
- Contribute to identifying a consensus solution.

Representatives from IDOT will attend all CPG meetings in order to listen to the discussion and provide timely information to the Group.

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Critical Success Factors:

- Agree to act as a team in a spirit of collaboration.
- Commit to effective conflict resolution.
- Build consensus.
- Provide both timely and accurate submittals and reviews of all work.
- Decisions made in a timely manner and not be revisited.

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Critical Success Factors

- Identify and engage appropriate stakeholders
- Understand roles and responsibilities
- Establish two-way communication and agree to act as a team in a spirit of collaboration with active and open listening
- Commit to effective conflict resolution
- Build consensus
- Provide both timely and accurate submittals and reviews of all work associated with the project in order to ensure that the project can move forward in a reasonable and cost-effective timeframe.
- Document all decisions and milestones reached on the project.
- Clearly communicate decisions to the public project.
- Decisions made in a timely manner and not be revisited without just cause.

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Decision Making:

- IDOT will utilize input in its entirety in its own decision-making process.
- Final project decisions will be made by IDOT and FHWA.

"Thinking Outside the Box"

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Decision Making

By agreeing to and following the ground rules, you will create a framework for “thinking outside the box” as you navigate thru and build consensus on the development of the Purpose and Need Statement and participating in the alternative analysis process which will lead to a final project decision (recommended alternative) by IDOT and FHWA.

IDOT will utilize the CPG’s input in its entirety in its own decision-making process. Final project decisions will be made by IDOT and FHWA, and therefore they are not members of the CPG, although its representatives will attend and participate in all meetings.



Workshop

Group Exercise

Part 1: Identify Issues and Concerns

Discussion

Part 2: Defining Goals and Objectives

Discussion

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Group Exercise



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Part 1: Develop a list of issues and concerns in the project area

These may include:

- Transportation
- Environmental
- Land Use
- Safety
- Traffic Congestion
- Modal Options
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life

These issues and concerns will be used to *draft the project problem statement which will lead to the Purpose & Need Statement.*



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Group Exercise



Workshop

Part 1: Discussion

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Workshop

Part 1: Issues and Concerns-Discussion Notes

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Workshop

Part 2: Project Goals and Objectives

- What are the goals of this project?
- How can we address the concerns/issues identified?
- Prioritize goals of the project area

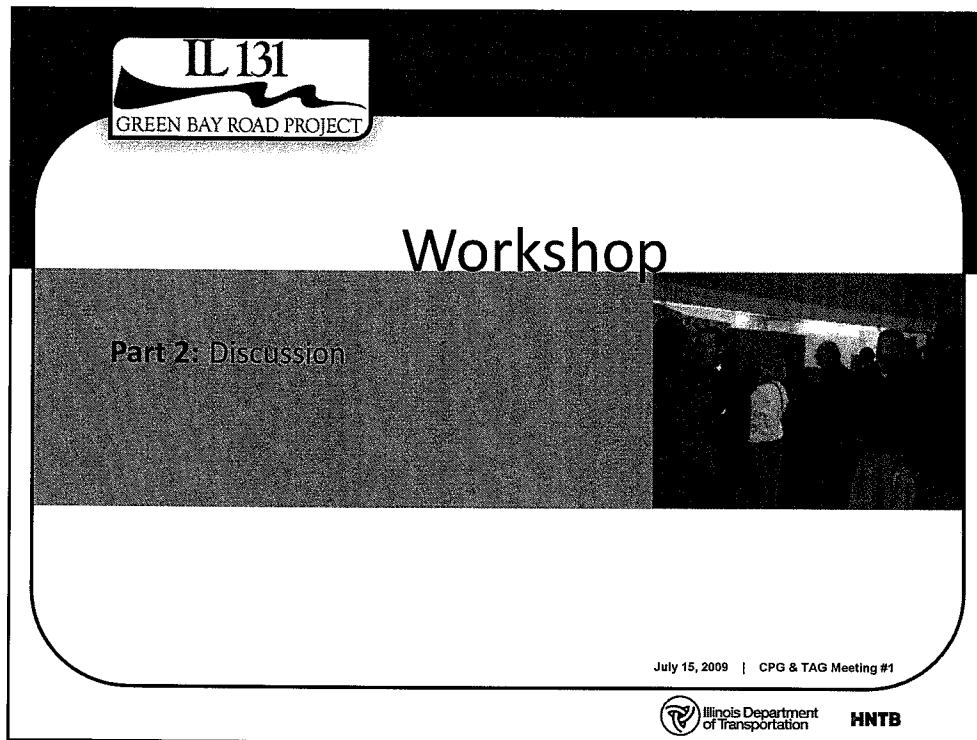


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Presentations:

Review Identified Issues

Review Project Goals and Objectives



Workshop

Part 2: Project Goals and Objectives Discussion Notes


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Next Steps

PURPOSE AND NEED



What is a Purpose & Need Statement:

- Defines why the study is being done and what problems will be addressed
- Begins with statements of problems that the study should resolve
- Starting point for the evaluation of transportation alternatives

Developing Purpose & Need:

- Identify current deficiencies within project area
- Identify areas where future deficiencies may arise
- Deficiencies will be used to develop a clear problem statement

Present preliminary results to FHWA

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Draft project problem statement from goals and objectives

An important factor for selecting the best alternative is the ability for a solution to address the purpose and need for the improvements. Therefore, it is important to have a good understanding of those needs as we identify possible alternatives.

A purpose and need:

- Defines why the study is being done and what problems will be addressed.
- Begins with statements of problems that the study should resolve
- Starting point for the evaluation of transportation alternatives

Preliminary results are presented to the Federal Highway Administration



Next Steps (cont.)

CPG & TAG Meeting #2 – late Summer:

- Review draft purpose and need
- Preliminary alternatives workshop
- Preview of Public Meeting #2

Public Meeting #2

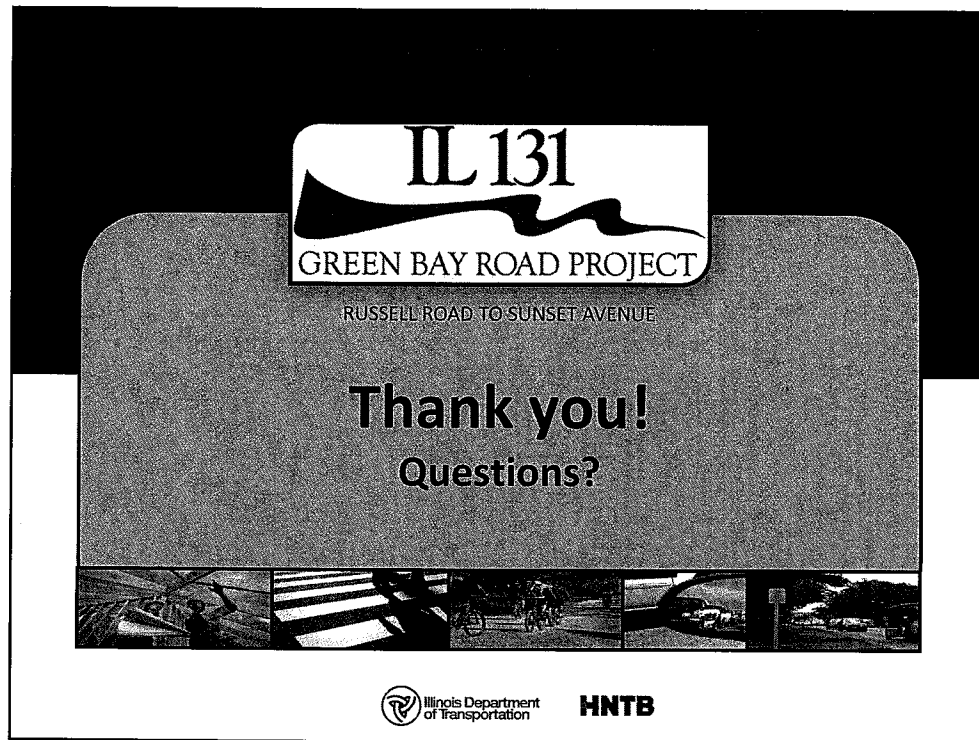
(tentatively scheduled for late Summer 2009)

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- Talk from the exhibit board with the detailed timeline
(the one with the boxes beneath)



Thank you again for taking an active role in the planning process and working with us in creating a plan for your community!